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SENIOR INS AIDE APPOINTED CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AT FERC

Chairman James J. Hoecker announced today that Fernanda F. Young, a senior official with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), has been appointed Chief Information Officer of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Dr. Young served as Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Resources Management, at INS, which is a large agency within the Department of Justice. At INS, Dr. Young was responsible for the development, planning, coordination and assessment of automated decision support systems. She managed all service-wide requirements for applications systems development and maintenance and all aspects of electronic support.

She replaces Katie Hirning, who moved to the White House last spring to become Deputy Director of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government under Vice President Gore.

Chairman Hoecker said: "Dr. Young will occupy an important position at the Commission as it advances toward the goals of a more paper-free environment, greater transparency through customer-friendly information technology, and IT-supported productivity increases. Fernanda has an outstanding record of achievement and a wealth of IT experience. It's unusual to find

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someone who speaks IT, business process reform, and French, English, and Italian with equal facility. I am confident that she will supply important leadership to OCIO."

The Office of the Chief Information Officer was created in early 1998 to oversee all IT applications with the express goal of reducing regulatory burdens, cutting processing times, simplifying filing processes, and generating better information for use by industries and the public. These activities are an integral part of FERC First, the Commission's major reengineering undertaking.

Dr. Young will oversee the Commission's internal network, its automated systems, and various innovations under way at the Commission, such as electronic filing by regulated companies and outside parties.

Biography

Fernanda F. Young has served as Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Resources Management, Data Systems Division, at INS since 1993. From 1991 to 1993, she was Branch Chief, ADP/T Services, Information Systems & Technology Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

She was computer system manager for PRC, Inc., at NASA headquarters from 1986 to 1991.

Earlier in her career, she held managerial positions with other NASA contractors and was a senior system engineer at the European Center for Nuclear Research in Geneva, Switzerland. She was also a professor of applied mathematics at the University of Grenoble in France.

Dr. Young has a Ph.D. from the University of Grenoble as well as bachelor's and master's degrees.

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